IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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In re:)	Chapter 11
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BELK, INC., et al., ¹)	Case No. 21-30630 (MI)
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	Reorganized Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
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REORGANIZED DEBTORS' APPLICATION TO EMPLOY AND RETAIN ALVAREZ & MARSAL NORTH AMERICA, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 327(a) AND 328 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE EFFECTIVE AS OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021

This application seeks an order that may adversely affect you. If you oppose the application, you should immediately contact the moving party to resolve the dispute. If you and the moving party cannot agree, you must file a response and send a copy to the moving party. You must file and serve your response within 21 days of the date this was served on you. Your response must state why the application should not be granted. If you do not file a timely response, the relief may be granted without further notice to you. If you oppose the application and have not reached an agreement, you must attend the hearing. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the court may consider evidence at the hearing and may decide the application at the hearing.

Represented parties should act through their attorney.

The above-captioned reorganized debtors (collectively, the "Reorganized Debtors," and before the effective date of their chapter 11 plan, the "Debtors") state as follows in support of this application (this "Application"):²

Relief Requested

A complete list of each of the Reorganized Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Reorganized Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.primeclerk.com/belk. The location of the Reorganized Debtors' service address is 2801 West Tyvola Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217.

The facts and circumstances supporting this Application are set forth in the Declaration of William Langley, Chief Financial Officer of Belk, Inc., in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions (the "First Day Declaration"), filed substantially contemporaneously with the Debtors' voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") on February 23, 2021 (the "Petition Date") and incorporated by reference herein. Capitalized terms used but not immediately defined in this Application shall have the meanings assigned to them elsewhere in this Application or in the First Day Declaration, as applicable.

1. The Reorganized Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto (the "Order"): (a) authorizing the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors to employ and retain Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC, together with employees of its affiliates (all of which are wholly owned by its parent company and employees), its wholly owned subsidiaries, and independent contractors (collectively, "A&M") as their financial advisor, pursuant to sections 327(a) and 328 of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, to perform the services set forth more fully herein, effective as of the Petition Date; and (b) granting related relief.

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 2. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). The Reorganized Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court.
 - 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 4. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 327(a), 328, and 330 of title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016, and rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Local Rules").

Retention of A&M

5. In consideration of the size and complexity of their businesses, as well as the exigencies of the circumstances, the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors have determined that the services of experienced financial advisors will substantially enhance their attempts to maximize the value of their estates. A&M is well qualified to provide these services in light of their extensive knowledge and expertise with respect to chapter 11 proceedings.

- 6. A&M specializes in interim management, crisis management, turnaround consulting, operational due diligence, creditor advisory services, and financial and operational restructuring. A&M's debtor advisory services have included a wide range of activities targeted at stabilizing and improving a company's financial position, including developing or validating forecasts, business plans and related assessments of a business's strategic position; monitoring and managing cash, cash flow and supplier relationships; assessing and recommending cost reduction strategies; and designing and negotiating financial restructuring packages.
- 3. Since its inception in 1983, A&M has been a global provider of turnaround advisory services to companies in crisis or those in need of performance improvement in specific financial and operational areas, including: *In re Ascena Retail Group, Inc.*, No. 20-33113 (KRH) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Sept. 11, 2020); *In re Extraction Oil & Gas, Inc.* No. 20-03167 (CSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Aug. 11, 2020); *In re Sable Permian Resources, LLC* No. 20-33193 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Aug. 7, 2020); *In re Intelsat SA*, No. 20-32299 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. July 1, 2020); *In re Southern Foods Group, LLC*, No. 19-36313 (DRJ) (Bankr, S.D. Tex. December 6, 2019); *In re Forever 21, Inc.*, Case No. 19-12122 (Bankr. D. Del. Sept. 29, 2019); *In re Legacy Reserves Inc.*, No. 19-33395 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. July 24, 2019); *In re Windstream Holdings, Inc.*, No. 19-22312 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Apr. 22, 2019); *In re Southcross Energy Partners, L.P.*, No. 19-10702 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 1, 2019); *In re Nine West Holding, Inc.*, No. 18-20947 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 2, 2018); *In re iHeartMedia, Inc.*, No. 18-31274 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Apr. 12, 2018); *In re Toys "R" Us, Inc.*, No. 17-34665 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Oct. 25, 2017); and *In re Seadrill Ltd.*, No. 17-60079 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Sept. 12, 2017).
- 8. In addition, A&M is familiar with the Debtors' businesses, financial affairs, and capital structure. Since the firm's initial engagement on April 1, 2020, the A&M personnel

providing services to the Debtors (the "A&M Professionals") worked closely with the Debtors' management and other professionals in assisting with the myriad requirements of these chapter 11 cases. Consequently, A&M developed significant relevant experience and expertise regarding the Debtors and the unique circumstances of this case. For these reasons, A&M was both well qualified and uniquely suited to deal effectively and efficiently with matters that might have arisen in the context of the cases. Accordingly, the retention of A&M on the terms and conditions set forth herein is necessary and appropriate, is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, creditors, and all other parties in interest, and should be granted in all respects.

Scope of Services

- 9. The Debtors' prepetition engagement letter (the "Engagement Letter") with A&M is attached as Exhibit 1 to the Order, the terms of which govern the Debtors' and Reorganized Debtors' retention of A&M except as explicitly set forth herein or in any order granting this Application.³
- 10. The Debtors have chosen Lazard Frères & Co. LLC ("<u>Lazard</u>") to act as its investment banker. A&M has worked closely with Lazard to prevent any duplication of efforts in the course of advising the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors.
- 11. Pursuant to the Engagement Letter, among other things, A&M will provide assistance to the Debtors with respect to management of the overall restructuring process, the development of ongoing business and financial plans and supporting restructuring negotiations

The summaries of the Engagement Letter contained in this Application are provided for purposes of convenience only. In the event of any inconsistency between the summaries contained herein and the terms and provisions of the Engagement Letter, the terms of the Engagement Letter shall control. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in the summaries of the Engagement Letter contained herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Engagement Letter.

among the Debtors, their advisors and their creditors with respect to an overall exit strategy for their chapter 11 cases.

- 12. In addition, A&M will provide such restructuring support services as A&M and the Debtors shall deem appropriate and feasible in order to manage and advise the Debtors in the course of these chapter 11 cases, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) assistance to the Debtors in the preparation of financial-related disclosures required by the Court, including Monthly Operating Reports;
 - (b) assistance to Debtors' management team and counsel focused on the coordination of resources related to the ongoing reorganization effort;
 - (c) assistance in the preparation of financial information for distribution to creditors and others, including, but not limited to, cash flow projections and budgets, cash receipts and disbursement analysis, analysis of various asset and liability accounts, and analysis of proposed transactions for which Court approval is sought;
 - (d) attendance at meetings and assistance in discussions with potential investors, banks, and other secured lenders, any official committee(s) appointed in these chapter 11 cases, the United States Trustee, other parties in interest and professionals hired by same, as requested;
 - (e) assistance in the preparation of information and analysis necessary for the confirmation of a plan of reorganization in these chapter 11 cases, including information contained in the disclosure statement; and
 - (f) rendering such other general business consulting or such other assistance as Debtors' management or counsel may deem necessary consistent with the role of a financial advisor to the extent that it would not be duplicative of services provided by other professionals in this proceeding.

A&M's Disinterestedness

13. To the best of the Reorganized Debtors' knowledge, information, and belief, other than as set forth in the Declaration of Jonathan C. Hickman (the "<u>Hickman Declaration</u>"), attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, A&M: (i) has no connection with the Debtors, their creditors, other parties-in-interest, or the attorneys or accountants of any of the foregoing, or the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas (the "U.S. Trustee") or any person

employed in the Office of the U.S. Trustee; (ii) does not hold any interest adverse to the Debtors' estates; and (iii) believes it is a "disinterested person" as defined by section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

14. Accordingly, the Reorganized Debtors believe that A&M is "disinterested" as such term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Terms of Retention

- 15. Subject to approval by the Court, the Reorganized Debtors propose to employ and retain A&M to serve as the Debtors' and Reorganized Debtors' financial advisor on the terms and conditions set forth in the Engagement Letter.
- 16. <u>Compensation</u>. In accordance with the terms of the Engagement Letter, A&M will be paid by the Debtors for the services of the A&M Professionals at their customary hourly billing rates which shall be subject to the following ranges:⁴

Restructuring:				
Managing Directors	\$925 – 1,200			
Directors	725 - 900			
Analysts / Associates	425 - 700			
Case Management Services:				
Managing Directors	\$875 - 1,100			
Directors	700 - 850			
Analysts / Associates	400 - 625			

- 17. Such rates and ranges shall be subject to adjustment annually at such time as A&M adjusts its rates generally.
- 18. In addition, A&M will be reimbursed for the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of the A&M Professionals incurred in connection with this assignment, such as travel,
- The rates listed in this Application reflect A&M's annual rate increase implemented on January 1, 2021.

lodging, third party duplications, messenger and telephone charges. In addition, A&M shall be reimbursed for the reasonable fees and expenses of its counsel incurred in connection with the preparation and approval of this Application. All fees and expenses due to A&M will be billed in accordance with the relevant sections of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules.

19. <u>Indemnification</u>. As a material part of the consideration for which the A&M Professionals have agreed to provide the services described herein, the Debtors have agreed to the indemnification provisions attached to the Engagement Letter.

Fees

- 20. The Reorganized Debtors understand that A&M intends to apply to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses for its financial advisory services in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, corresponding Local Rules, orders of this Court and guidelines established by the U.S. Trustee.
- 21. A&M received \$300,000 as a retainer in connection with preparing for and conducting the filing of these chapter 11 cases, as described in the Engagement Letter. In the 90 days prior to the Petition Date, A&M received retainers and payments totaling \$2,490,166 in the aggregate for services performed for the Debtors. A&M has applied these funds to amounts due for services rendered and expenses incurred prior to the Petition Date. A precise disclosure of the amounts or credits held, if any, as of the Petition Date will be provided in A&M's first and final fee application for postpetition services and expenses to be rendered or incurred for or on behalf of the Debtors. The unapplied residual retainer, which is estimated to total approximately \$329,372.50, will not be segregated by A&M in a separate account, and will be held until the end of these chapter 11 cases and applied to A&M's finally approved fees in these proceedings.

22. Given the numerous issues that A&M is required to address in the performance of their services, A&M's commitment to the variable level of time and effort necessary to address all such issues as they arise, and the market prices for such services for engagements of this nature in an out-of-court context, as well as in chapter 11, the fee arrangements set forth herein are reasonable under the standards set forth in section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Applicable Authority

- 23. The retention of A&M under the terms described herein is appropriate under sections 327(a), 328, and 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. Section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code empowers the trustee, with the Court's approval, to employ professionals "that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons, to represent or assist the trustee in carrying out the trustee's duties under this title." 11 U.S.C. § 327(a). Section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code defines a "disinterested person" as a person that:
 - (a) is not a creditor, an equity security holder, or an insider;
- (b) is not and was not, within 2 years before the date of the filing of the petition, a director, officer, or employee of the debtor; and
- (c) does not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the estate or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the debtor, or for any other reason.

11 U.S.C. § 101(14).

24. Further, section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that "a person is not disqualified for employment under section 327 of this title by a debtor in possession solely because of such person's employment by or representation of the debtor before the commencement

of the case." 11 U.S.C. § 1107(b). A&M's prepetition relationship with Debtors is therefore not an impediment to A&M's retention as Reorganized Debtors' postpetition financial advisor.

25. Section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes the employment of a professional person "on any reasonable terms and conditions of employment, including on a retainer . . ." 11 U.S.C. § 328(a). The terms and conditions of A&M's retention as described herein, including the proposed compensation and indemnification terms, are reasonable and in keeping with the terms and conditions typical for engagements of this size and character. Since the Debtors required substantial assistance with the reorganization process, it is reasonable for the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors to seek to employ and retain A&M to serve as its financial advisor on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Notice

26. The Reorganized Debtors will provide notice of this Application to: (a) the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) the administrative agent under the ABL Facility and counsel thereto; (d) the administrative agent under the Debtors' prepetition term loan facilities and counsel thereto; (e) counsel to the Ad Hoc First Lien Term Lender Group; (f) counsel to the Ad Hoc Crossover Lender Group; (g) counsel to the Sponsor; (h) the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas; (i) the Internal Revenue Service; (j) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (k) the state attorneys general for states in which the Debtors conduct business; and (l) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. In light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

WHEREFORE, the Reorganized Debtors request that the Court enter an order, granting the relief requested in this Application and granting such other and further relief as is appropriate under the circumstances.

Dated: March 8, 2021 /s/ William Langley

/s/ William Langley
William Langley
Belk, Inc.,

Chief Financial Officer

Certificate of Service

I certify that on March 8, 2021, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

/s/ Kristhy M. Peguero
Kristhy M. Peguero

Exhibit A

Declaration of Jonathan C. Hickman

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:)	Chapter 11
BELK, INC., et al., 1)	Case No. 21-30630 (MI)
	Reorganized Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)

DECLARATION OF JONATHAN C. HICKMAN
IN SUPPORT OF REORGANIZED DEBTORS' APPLICATION
TO EMPLOY AND RETAIN ALVAREZ & MARSAL NORTH
AMERICA, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 327(a)
AND 328 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE EFFECTIVE AS OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021

I, Jonathan C. Hickman, being duly sworn, hereby states as follows:

1. I am a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC (together with employees of its affiliates (all of which are wholly-owned by its parent company and employees), its wholly owned subsidiaries, and independent contractors, "A&M"), a restructuring advisory services firm with numerous offices throughout the country. I submit this declaration on behalf of A&M (the "Declaration") in support of the Reorganized Debtors' Application to Employ and Retain Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC as Financial Advisor Pursuant to Sections 327(a) and 328 of the Bankruptcy Code Effective as of February 23, 2021 (the "Application")² on the terms and conditions set forth in the Application and the engagement letter between Debtors

A complete list of each of the Reorganized Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Reorganized Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.primeclerk.com/belk. The location of the Reorganized Debtors' service address is 2801 West Tyvola Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

and A&M attached to the Order as <u>Exhibit 1</u> (the "<u>Engagement Letter</u>"). Except as otherwise noted,³ I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.

Disinterestedness and Eligibility

- 2. A&M together with its affiliates (the "<u>Firm</u>") utilize certain procedures ("<u>Firm Procedures</u>") to determine the Firm's relationships, if any, to parties that may have a connection to a client debtor. In implementing the Firm Procedures, the following actions were taken to identify parties that may have connections to the Debtors, and the Firm's relationship with such parties:
- (a) A&M requested and obtained from the Debtors extensive lists of interested parties and significant creditors (the "Potential Parties in Interest"). The list of Potential Parties in Interest which A&M reviewed is annexed hereto as **Schedule 1**. The Potential Parties in Interest reviewed include, among others, the Debtors, prepetition lenders, officers, directors, the thirty (30) largest unsecured creditors of the Debtors (on a consolidated basis), significant suppliers, and parties holding ownership interests in the Debtors.
- (b) A&M then compared the names of each of the Potential Parties in Interest to the names in its master electronic database of the Firm's current and recent clients (the "Client Database"). The Client Database generally includes the name of each client of the Firm, the name of each party who is or was known to be adverse to the client of the Firm in connection with the matter in which the Firm is representing such client, the name of each party that has, or had, a substantial role with regard to the subject matter of the Firm's retention, and the names of the Firm professionals who are, or were, primarily responsible for matters for such clients.
- (c) An email was issued to all Firm professionals requesting disclosure of information regarding: (i) any known personal connections between the respondent and/or the Firm on the one hand, and certain significant Potential Parties in Interest or the Debtors, on the other hand, 4(ii) any known connections or representation by the respondent and/or the Firm of any

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³ Certain of the disclosures herein relate to matters within the personal knowledge of other professionals at A&M and are based on information provided by them.

In reviewing its records and the relationships of its professionals, A&M did not seek information as to whether any A&M professional or member of his/her immediate family: (a) indirectly owns, through a public mutual fund or through partnerships in which certain A&M professionals have invested but as to which such professionals have no control over or knowledge of investment decisions, securities of the Debtors or any other party in interest; or (b) has engaged in any ordinary course consumer transaction with any party in interest. If any such relationship does exist, I do not believe it would impact A&M's disinterestedness or otherwise give rise to a finding that A&M holds or represents an interest adverse to the Debtors' estates. It is also noted that in the course of our review it came to A&M's attention that A&M personnel hold de minimis investments, representing not more than 0.01%

of those Potential Parties in Interest in matters relating to the Debtors; and (iii) any other conflict or reason why A&M may be unable to represent the Debtors.

- (d) Known connections between the Firm and the Potential Parties in Interest were compiled for purposes of preparing this Declaration. These connections are listed in **Schedule 2** annexed hereto.
- 3. As a result of the Firm Procedures, I have thus far ascertained that, except as may be set forth herein, upon information and belief, if retained, A&M:
- (a) is not a creditor of the Debtors (including by reason of unpaid fees for prepetition services),⁵ an equity security holder of the Debtors (except certain Firm employees may own <u>de minimis</u> amounts representing not more than 0.01% of the equity interests in the related entity), or an "insider" of the Debtors, as that term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (b) is not, and has not been, within 2 years before the date of the filing of the petition, a director, officer, or employee of the Debtors; and
- (c) does not have an interest materially adverse to the interests of the Debtors' estates, or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtors, or for any other reason.
- 4. As can be expected with respect to any international professional services firm such as A&M, the Firm provides services to many clients with interests in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. To the best of my knowledge, except as indicated below, the Firm's services for such clients do not relate to the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.
 - 5. In addition to the relationships disclosed on Schedule 2, I note that:
- (a) The following disclosure describes the connections between a private equity business affiliated with A&M, known as "A&M Capital" and certain Potential Parties in Interest.
 - i. Alvarez & Marsal Inc. ("<u>A&M Inc.</u>"), an entity controlled by Bryan Marsal and Antonio Alvarez II, is the majority owner of Alvarez & Marsal Holdings, LLC ("<u>A&M Holdings</u>"). A&M Holdings is the sole owner of A&M. Messrs. Marsal and Alvarez comprise the Board of

of the equity interests in the related entity, in various parties in interest, including but not limited to Bank of America, Deutsche Bank, IBM, JP Morgan, Microsoft Corporation, Nice USA Inc., US Bank and Wells Fargo.

⁵ See paragraph 11 below.

- Managers of A&M Holdings and two of the Board of Managers of A&M. Messrs. Marsal and Alvarez, together with A&M Inc., indirectly control a significant interest in the general partner of A&M Capital, a private equity investment firm affiliated with A&M through its common management and ownership, and participation of employees described herein which manages various funds (the "A&M Capital Funds"). Also, certain A&M employees have invested in limited partnership interests in the A&M Capital Funds and, indirectly, their general partners and, from time to time, A&M and/or its professional service provider affiliates provide services to the A&M Capital Funds. The investments of the A&M Capital Funds are private equity investments in companies (all of whom are unrelated to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases).
- ii. The Client Database contains conflicts information for A&M and its professional service provider affiliates and subsidiaries. If any connection between A&M Capital and the Debtors or Potential Parties in Interest was reflected in the A&M Client Database, A&M's disclosures would also include those results. Though no A&M Capital portfolio company is a Potential Party in Interest, it is possible that A&M Capital's portfolio companies have connections to the Potential Parties in Interest unrelated to the Debtors' cases that are not entered into the Client Database. For example, the Client Database does not track A&M Capital portfolio companies' contractual relationships, utility providers, etc.
- (b) As set forth on Schedule 2, Kirkland & Ellis LLP ("<u>K&E</u>") currently represents A&M and/or its affiliates in matters unrelated to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases. In addition to K&E's representations of certain A&M affiliates (including A&M Inc., A&M Capital and the A&M Capital Funds) certain partners or other persons or entities associated with K&E ("<u>K&E Persons</u>") have invested in the A&M Capital Funds. Each K&E Person that has invested in the A&M Capital Funds holds less than one percent of the A&M Capital Funds.
- (collectively, "<u>JPM</u>") and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("<u>WFBNA</u>") together with certain of its affiliates (collectively, "<u>Wells Fargo</u>") are Potential Parties in Interest. Under a credit facility (the "<u>Credit Facility</u>") to A&M's parent company A&M Holdings: WFBNA is administrative agent, swingline lender and issuing lender, JPMC is a syndication agent and participating lender and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC are joint lead arrangers and joint book runners. In addition to the receipt of interest in their capacity as a lender under the Credit Facility, Wells Fargo and JPM have received certain customary and negotiated fees and reimbursement of expenses in connection with their roles under the Credit Facility.
- (d) A&M provided financial advisory services to the unsecured creditors committee of Potential Parties in Interest LSC Communications and Hollander Sleep Products.

- (e) A&M was engaged to provide financial advisory services to Centric Brands and its affiliates, including Potential Party in Interest, KHQ Investment LLC ("Centric") in connection with their Chapter 11 cases. Centric is a vendor to the Debtors. A&M's work for Centric included management and other advice related to receivables including the Debtors' receivables. A&M will recuse itself from any litigation or dispute related to the Debtors.
- 6. Further, as part of its diverse practice, the Firm appears in numerous cases and proceedings, and participates in transactions that involve many different professionals, including attorneys, accountants, and financial consultants, who represent claimants and parties-in-interest in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. Further, the Firm has performed in the past, and may perform in the future, advisory consulting services for various attorneys and law firms, and has been represented by several attorneys and law firms, some of whom may be involved in these proceedings. Based on our current knowledge of the professionals involved, and to the best of my knowledge, none of these relationships create interests materially adverse to the Debtors in matters upon which A&M is to be employed, and none are in connection with these cases.
- 7. To the best of my knowledge, no employee of the Firm is a relative of, or has been connected with, the U.S. Trustee in this district or its employees.
- 8. Accordingly, to the best of my knowledge, A&M is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, in that A&M: (i) is not a creditor, equity security holder, or insider of the Debtors; (ii) was not, within two years before the date of filing of the Debtors' chapter 11 petitions, a director, officer, or employee of the Debtors; and (iii) does not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the Debtors' estates or of any class of creditors or equity security holders.

Compensation

9. Subject to Court approval and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, applicable U.S. Trustee guidelines, and the Local

Rules, A&M will seek from the Reorganized Debtors payment for compensation on an hourly basis and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by A&M. A&M's customary hourly rates as charged in bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy matters of this type by the professionals assigned to this engagement are outlined in the Application. These hourly rates are adjusted annually.

10. To the best of my knowledge, (i) no commitments have been made or received by A&M with respect to compensation or payment in connection with these cases other than in accordance with applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules, and (ii) A&M has no agreement with any other entity to share with such entity any compensation received by A&M in connection with these chapter 11 cases.

11. By reason of the foregoing, I believe A&M is eligible for employment and retention by the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors pursuant to sections 327(a) (as modified by sections 1107(b)), 328, 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and the applicable Bankruptcy Rules and Local Rules.

Dated: March 8, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jonathan C. Hickman

Jonathan C. Hickman Managing Director of Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC

List of Potential Parties in Interest

5% or More Equity Holders

SYCAMORE PARTNERS

Bankruptcy Judges & Staff

ALONZO, ALBERT

ANDRESEN, JEANNIE

BRIAN F. KENNEY

CASTRO, ANA

CHAVEZ, JEANNIE

CHIEF JUDGE DAVID R. JONES

CONRAD, TRACEY

DO. LINHTHU

FRANK J. SANTORO

JUDGE CHRISTOPHER M. LOPEZ

JUDGE EDUARDO V. RODRIGUEZ

JUDGE JEFFREY P. NORMAN

JUDGE MARVIN ISGUR

KEITH L. PHILLIPS

KEVIN R. HUENNEKENS

KLINETTE H. KINDRED

LAWS, TYLER

MILLER, ELIZABETH

OCHSNER, NATHAN

PICOTA, KIMBERLY

PORTILLO, VRIANA

RIOS, MARIO

SALDANA, ROSARIO

STEPHEN C. ST. JOHN

WILLIAM C. REDDEN

Bankruptcy Professionals

EVERCORE INC.

EVERCORE LLC

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

LATHAM & WATKINS, LLP

LAZARD LTD

MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP

O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP

PJT PARTNERS

WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP

Banks/Lender/UCC Lien Parties/Administrative Agents

1828 CLO LTD.

3M EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN

AMERICAN MONEY MANAGEMENT

AMMC CLO AND AFFILIATES

APEX CREDIT PARTNERS AND AFFILIATES

ARCH STREET CLO, LTD.

ASSURED INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC

AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED BANK OF AMERICA NA

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

BAYCITY ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS SICAV-SIF-BAYCITY US SENIOR LOAN FUND

BIRCHWOOD PARK CLO, LTD.

BLACK DIAMOND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

AND AFFILIATES

BLACKSTONE DEBT ADVISORS (GSO

CAPITAL PARTNERS)

BLACKSTONE GROUP INC.

BLAIR FUNDING LLC

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA

INC

BLUEMOUNTAIN CLO AND AFFILIATES

BLUEMOUNTAIN FUJI AND AFFILIATES

BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A.

BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT UNITED

STATES

BNPP IP CLO AND AFFILIATES

BOWMAN PARK CLO, LTD.

CALIFORNIA STREET CLO AND AFFILIATES

CANARAS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC

CAPITAL ONE BUSINESS CREDIT CORP.

CARLYLE INVESTMENT AND AFFILIATES

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Jones Lang Lasalle Americas JPMorgan Chase Bank NA

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Keeco LLC

KKR TFO Partners LP

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